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SUBJECT: W/W: LOST PASSPORT

REF: (A) TEHRAN 11005; (B) ISTANBUL 3697; (C) TEHRAN 10725

- 1. NUR HOTEL MANAGER TOLD CONOFF ON 13 NOVEMBER HE HAS RECEIVED NEITHER MAIL NOR PACKAGE FOR SILKOFF. CLAIMS SILKOFF LEFT UNPAID BILL OF \$20.
- 2. RE YOUR REQUEST FOR RETURN OF SUBJECT'S PRESENT PASSPORT, CONGEN BELIEVES SUCH STEP WOULD BE CONTRARY TO BEST INTERESTS USG AND INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS IN FUTURE ARREST CASES. UP TO NOW, TURKISH COURTS HAVE FREQUENTLY RELEASED ACCUSED AMCITS ON OWN RECOGNIZANCE, RETAINING PASSPORT IN LIEU BAIL. TO JUSTIFY REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF SILKOFF PASSPORT, CONGEN WOULD BE OBLIGED TO REVEAL HIS ILLEGAL DEPARTURE FROM TURKEY, WHICH COULD JEOPARDIZE FUTURE RECOGNIZANCE RELEASES. THIS POSSIBILITY FURTHER ENHANCED BY RECENT WELL-PUBLICIZED ESCAPE OF AMERICAN PRISONER FROM A MINIMUM-SECURITY PRISON TO WHICH HE WAS TRANSFERRED AT HIS REQUEST AND WITH ACTIVE CONGEN AND EMBASSY ASSISTANCE.
- 3. CONGEN SKEPTICAL RE SILKOFF'S CLAIM THAT FOUR YEARS AFTER REPORTED LOSS, HE "FOUND" JANUARY 1971 PASSPORT. IF ONLY BAR TO HIS DEPARTING TURKEY AFTER COURT IMPOUNDED HIS MAY 1971 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PASSPORT WAS LACK OF VALID PASSPORT, THEN DEPART TURKEY ON FALSE

DOCUMENT? MOREOVER, IF HE DID FIND IT HE NEVER SO NOTIFIED
CONGEN AND WAS THUS ILLEGALLY IN POSSESSION TWO SIMULTANEOUSLY
VALID PASSPORT.
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